MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The necessity for a vaidyasala in a particular place as well as the seniority of the recognised vaidian concerned all these things are considered in giving grants to vaidyasalas.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP. May I know whether budgetary grants will be made for an Ayurveda Vaidyasalas even without considering the importance or necessity for a particular locality?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Supposing there are two places where grant-in-aid vaidyasalas have to be opened. The points that will be considered are which locality is in greater and whether the person is a recognised vaidyan Other things being equal, those who satisfy the above conditions will be preferred to others who do not.

Electricity.

260 * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they could supply electricity to the southern taluks?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Under the present conditions due to the war and the consequent difficulty in getting the necessary materials for the extension of the lines, the supply of power to places south of Trivandrum cannot be taken up now.

Electric Current Rates.

261 * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the rate per unit at which electric current from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works is being sold to the K. D. H. P. Company, Munnar and the recently started Aluminium Factory at Alwaye?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The tariff for the supply of power to Messrs. K. D. H. P. Company is given in a * statement laid on the table. In regard to the tariff relating to the Aluminium Factory the member is referred to the answer to question No. 148 (*b*) at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly on 26th March 1942.

Supply of electricity for Cochin.

262 * **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any agreement with the Cochin Government for the supply of electricity from Pallivasal; and

(*b*) if so, the terms of the agreement?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: (*a*) No formal agreement has so far been executed with the Cochin Government.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether any informal agreement has been executed?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: An informal understanding has been reached.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of that informal understanding?

* *Vide* Appendix I, Page No. 552.

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MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The conditions in that understanding are still the subject of negotiation and I therefore do not think it proper to discuss them now.

PRESIDENT: There has been some understanding, and it has been in formally agreed upon, both by the Cochin Government and this Government. At this juncture it may not be quite expedient that the full details of that understanding should be made known because they might be canvassed or there might be other forces working against them.

Government Ayurvedic Dispensary in Trivandrum.

263 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary in Trivandrum is located in a rented building;

(*b*) if so, the rent of the building per mensem;

(*c*) how long is it since the dispensary has been located in that building; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to have a permanent Government building for the purpose?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 114 per mensem.

(*c*) 24 years.

(*d*) The question is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. G. VELU PILLI: May I know whether there is any undertaking from Government that the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary will continue to be held for a fixed term of years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is no such definite undertaking.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thiruvella*): May I know whether the present dispensary is in a healthy place?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is not quite desirable to continue it there. That is why it is stated that the construction of a permanent Government building for the purpose is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the extent of land that may be required for constructing a permanent building for the Ayurvedic dispensary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI. ന ാ ണ്ടസൻറ വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തല്ലെ ഈ സ്ഥാപനം ഇട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have no information.

Quilon Telephone Exchange.

264 *MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any delay in putting through the trunk calls at Quilon Telephone Exchange;

(*b*) if so, whether this is due to the increasing number of utrnk calls thereon or to insufficient hands; and

(*c*) whether on account of the delay serious inconvenience is caused especially to business people?

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